



SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDA

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Missed last week's memos?

All SCDE weekly memo communications are archived [here](#). Individual memos can be found on the [School District Memoranda Archive](#).

COVID-19

Updated DHEC Guidance Documents

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) continues to update their school based guidance documents with the latest public health information related to COVID-19. Please take a moment to review this important information.

[School & Childcare Centers \(COVID-19\)](#)

[Recent Disease Activity by County Report](#) (as of 10/8/2020)

[COVID-19 Cases Associated with Staff & Students](#) (as of 10/13/2020)

[Plexiglass Use in Schools](#) (released 10/5/2020)

[Identifying Close Contacts of Athletes in High School](#) (released 9/24/2020)

HEALTH & NUTRITION

School Garden and Education Instruction Assistance Program

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Principals, Public Information Officers, Food Service Directors

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The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is pleased to announce the 2020-21 School Garden and Education Instruction Assistance Program. The program will be administered by Clemson Extension's School Gardening for SC Educators. School Gardening for SC Educators is a program offered and facilitated by the Clemson University Extension. This program was made possible by initial funding from the Boeing Company, S.C. through a partnership with the College of Charleston's Food Systems and Change Initiative. By

sponsoring the School Gardening for SC Educators program, the SCDE is supporting the capacity of schools and school districts in South Carolina to implement and expand agriculture and nutrition education through school gardening.

Request for Proposals for the School Garden and Education Instruction Assistance Program is now available online. The awards will be distributed on a competitive basis and the deadline to apply is **December 4, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. EST**. Each awarded school will receive an all-inclusive school garden kit to be delivered to the school for the purpose of implementing hands-on nutrition and agriculture education. Each awarded school will also receive comprehensive training, as well as *The Garden Stem: Curriculum for your Garden Classroom* which contains lesson plans customized to South Carolina state teaching standards.

[School Garden and Education Instruction Assistance Program - Memo](#) PDF (140 KB)

MCKINNEY-VENTO

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act - Education for Homeless Children and Youths Grant Opportunity - Round Two

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Title I Coordinators

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The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) announces that round two of the 2020–21 Request for Proposals (RFP) for the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act—Education for Homeless Children and Youths grant is now available online. Up to \$515,000 in funding will be distributed on a competitive basis and the deadline to apply is October 30, 2020.

For this funding round, the SCDE will award funds to local educational agencies (LEAs) that propose to improve the identification, enrollment, attendance, and success in school of homeless children and youths.

[McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act--Education for Homeless Children and Youths Grant Opportunity-Round Two - Memo](#) PDF (136 KB)

PUBLIC REVIEW

Online Public Review for the South Carolina College and Career Science Standards 2021

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District Instructional Leaders

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As a result of the dedicated efforts of a team of South Carolina educators from the school and district levels, students, business/industry, informal educators, parents, and representatives from institutions of higher education, the South Carolina College- and Career- Science Standards 2021 are now available for public review and feedback through an online field review survey. The development process established provides an opportunity to ensure South Carolina's high quality standards are based on current research and best practices and meet the varied educational needs of our state's students.

The link to the online public review feedback form is included below. Everyone is invited to review the standard document draft and provide feedback using the link below by **November**

29, 2020. The online public review feedback form will close at **5:00 p.m. on November 29, 2020.** All feedback must be submitted via the online public review feedback form. The standard draft and feedback form can be accessed using this link: [Draft and Feedback forms for South Carolina College- and Career- Science Standards 2021](#)

[Online Public Review for the South Carolina College- and Career- Science Standards 2021 - Memo](#) PDF (167 KB)

TECHNOLOGY

District Technology Training

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District Instructional Leaders, District Information Technology (IT) Leaders, District Information Security/Privacy Leaders

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The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is offering six ninety-minute and three two-hour virtual classes focused on technology, privacy, and information security. Class size will be limited to 90 participants in the ninety-minute virtual class and 20 participants in the two-hour virtual class. To participate, please complete the short survey provided by the vendor; this survey lets you vote on the best day, time, and class preference.

WeKnowIT is the vendor on state contract chosen to deliver these training classes. The vendor will contact participants using the email address provided in survey. The first session will be an introduction to the class structure and offerings and should be in the second half of October.

[District Technology Training - Memo](#) PDF (162 KB)

